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ATKINSON, N. H.

Moderator.

GREENLEAF CLARKE.

Town Clerk.

S. BURLEY MASON.

Representative

GREENLEAF CLARKE.

Selectmen.

ENOCH P. HOITT, STEPHEN S. SHANNON,
STEPHEN C. P. TREFRY.

Treasurer.

WELLMAN W. HATCH.

Collector

ALFRED B. LITTLE.

Superintending School Committee

CHARLES T. MELVIN.

Auditors

EDWARD N. GREENOUGH, SAMUEL G. CHANDLER,
WILLIAM C. NOYES.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1877.

151 Polls,	(value)	$ 15,100 00	
Horses,	"	6,565 00	
Neat stock,	"	10,951 00	
Hogs,	"	450 00	
Carriages,	"	700 00	
Money at interest,		12,200 00	
Stock in trade,		6,317 00	
Mills,	(value)	1,600 00	
Lands and buildings,		240,689 00	
Total,			$294,572 00
Resident valuation.		$237,296 00	
Non-resident valuation,		57,276 00	
			$294,572 00

On which valuation the Selectmen have assessed the following amount at the rate of one dollar and forty-five cents per one hundred dollars:

State tax,	$ 716 00	
County tax,	779 28	
Schools,	626 50	
Town,	2,000 00	
Percentage,	149 51	
Non-resident highway tax,	172 75	
Dog tax (added),	51 00	
		$4,495 04

Which sum was committed to Alfred B. Little, collector of taxes, for collection.

The Selectmen have also received and paid into the treasury the following sums:

On account of paupers,	$79 94	
For choice of lots in the new cemetery,	69 25	
Savings bank tax,	41 52	
Railroad tax,	93 21	
Literary fund,	24 08	
		$308 00

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

BILLS OUTSTANDING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 1877.

Albert Little, sheep damage,	$10 00	
F. A. Pike, over-tax for 1876,	3 60	
Charles T. Sleeper, abatement of tax for 1876,	2 40	
A. W. Chandler, sheep damage,	4 00	
Samuel G. Chandler, tramps,	1 50	
Nathaniel Paul Conelly's school tax for 1875 and 1876,	3 96	
Thomas Leavitt, services at Plaistow, as counsel, 1876,	20 00	
John A. McNeil, snow bill, 1876,	1 65	
John A. McNeil, services as constable, 1876,	2 00	
Hezekiah Dow, snow bill, 1876,	1 05	
		$50 16

SCHOOLS.

J. W. Peasley,	District No. 1,	140 00	
A. W. Sawyer,	" " 2,	140 00	
George Wright,	" " 3,	140 00	
John Pettengill,	" " 4,	140 00	
S. C. P. Trefry,	" " 5,	140 00	
N. Paul, school tax,		1 98	
			$701 98

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

D. W. Goodnow,	$ 3 08	
S. S Shannon,	16 82	
Chas. A. Sawyer,	53 64	
Nathan Webster,	10 02	
W. W. Page,	7 13	
John Little,	11 18	
		$101 87
Non-resident highway receipts,		59 26

SNOW BILLS.

Adin E. Poor,	$ 2 90	
George P. Dow,	5 60	
W. W. Page,	5 20	
James H. Noyes,	6 00	
Alonzo Knight,	4 96	
S S. Shannon,	11 68	
Nathan Webster,	1 87	
C A. Sawyer,	2 57	
John Little,	3 25	
A. J. Hall,	3 50	
D. W. Goodnow,	6 25	
		$53 78

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

C. V. Calderwood, labor on Providence hill,	$ 2 35	
S. C. P. Trefry, repairs on bridge near D Hitchcock's,	20 68	
George P. Dow, labor on highway, Dist. No. 5,	6 35	
E. P. Hoitt, labor on highways, Districts No. 10 and 8,	3 50	
		$32 88

PAUPER BILLS.

George P. Dow, goods furnished Mrs. Loreni Perrine,	$19 44	
Mary Webster, board of John Prescott,	22 00	
John Roberts, " Lucy Roberts,	12 00	
O. R. Fowler, Haverhill, coffin and robe for J. Prescott,	19 00	
Dr. Howard, Salem, attendance on John Prescott,	2 00	
E. P Hoitt and S. S. Shannon, overseers of the poor,	7 00	
S. S. Shannon, expense to Brentwood,	4 00	
do support of tramps,	8 00	
E. P. Hoitt, "	8 00	
		$101 44

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Charles T. Sleeper, 1876,	$2 40	
Samuel R. Greene, over-tax,	1 75	
William T. Bragdon, "	72	
Patrick Callahan, 1876,	2 10	
Daniel W. Davis, "	1 40	
John W. Follansbee, "	1 76	
Arthur S. Steele, "	1 40	
Horace Tilton, "	1 40	
O. L. Whittaker, abatement of dog tax,	1 00	
George Gage, non-resident abatement, 1876,	1 70	
—— Harris, " " 1876,	3 40	
Michael Howard, " " 1876,	1 36	
William C Todd, over-tax,	4 95	
A. J. Moore, "	1 16	
		$26 56

EXPENSES OF THE NEW CEMETERY.

E. P. Hoitt, expense to Exeter, and searching records,	$ 3 30	
J V. Hazen, surveying and plan,	4 00	
E. P. Hoitt, making 5 copies of petition, orders and return,	3 00	
do 15½ days' work, at $1.25,	19 37	
S. S. Shannon, 10½ days' work,	13 12	
do horse 2 days,	2 00	
S. C. P. Trefry, 10 days' work,	12 50	
do horse 1 day,	1 00	

N. E Martin, 4 days' work,	5 00	
J. H. Noyes, 2 days' work,	2 50	
do oxen 3 days,	4 50	
do use of plow,	50	
A. King, 2 days' work.	2 50	
do oxen 3 days,	4 50	
H. J. S. Knight, work,	2 00	
John Roberts, 2 days' work,	2 50	
Paid S. S. Shannon for stakes,	4 00	
Paid Edwin Wright,	1 00	
Paid for frame for plan,	1 50	
Expense on Dow's appeal,	12 00	
		$100 79

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mitchell & Hoyt, printing town reports, 1877,	$15 00	
E. P. Hoitt, services as auditor,	4 00	
Hanscom Bros., rope for bell, and irons,	3 26	
George E. Lane, books and stationery,	11 30	
John Dow, ringing bell,	30 00	
W. W. Hatch, expenses to Exeter to pay county tax,	2 25	
S. S. Shannon, guide and hitching-posts, and setting same,	6 50	
Greenleaf Clarke, trustee, rent of Academy hall,	30 00	
George Wright, carpet, mat and jack for hearse,	7 72	
William P. Foster, guide-boards,	15 60	
Barnard Jewell, runners and repairs for hearse,	35 00	
W. W. Hatch, expense to Concord to pay State tax,	5 55	
S. S. Shannon, bounty on hawks and foxes,	5 70	
W. W. Hatch, interest on account,	2 92	
E. P. Hoitt, expense of guide-boards,	4 25	
do expense to Exeter and South Hampton,	5 30	
do cash for stationery, postage, and express,	2 94	
		$187 29

TOWN OFFICERS.

E P. Hoitt, services as Selectman,	$48 00	
S. S. Shannon, " "	25 00	
S C P. Trefry, " "	23 50	
Charles T. Melvin, Superintending School Committee,	20 00	
W. W. Hatch, Treasurer,	20 00	
S. B Mason, Town Clerk,	13 70	
A. B Little, Collector,	44 95	
		$195 15

RECAPITULATION.

Bills outstanding,	$ 50 16	
Schools,	701 98	
Non-resident highway money orders,	101 87	
Snow bills,	53 78	
Highways and bridges,	32 88	
Pauper bills,	101 44	
Abatement of taxes,	26 50	
Expenses of the new cemetery,	100 79	
Miscellaneous,	187 29	
Town officers,	195 15	
		$1,551 84
Whole amount received from all sources,		$4,803 04
Whole amount of bills paid,		3,043 72
Leaving the sum of to pay the town debt and interest,		$1,759 32

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector charges himself as follows:

Taxes committed for collection,	$4,495 04	
The Collector credits himself as follows:		
Receipts of Town Treasurer,	3,468 97	
Balance in hands of Collector,		$1,026 07

ALFRED B. LITTLE, *Collector.*

Report of the Treasurer

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1877,	$ 305 59	
Received of Collector of 1875,	27 88	
" " 1876,	604 92	
" " 1877,	3,468 97	
Rec'd of State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	93 21	
" " Savings Bank tax,	41 52	
" " Literary Fund,	24 08	
Received on town notes,	7,700 00	
" of County for paupers,	31 44	
" from town of Grafton for paupers,	48 50	
" from choice of lots in new cemetery,	69 25	
" " sale of hearse runners,	6 00	
" by error in abatement of tax,	2 40	
		$12,423 76

The Treasurer credits himself as follows:

By amount paid on town notes,	$8,991 19	
" " orders,	1,551 84	
By State tax,	716 00	
By County tax,	779 28	
By non-resident highway receipts,	59 26	
		$12,097 57
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$326 19

TOWN LIABILITIES.

To sundry notes,	$4,507 33	
To land damage for cemetery,	200 00	
		$4,707 33

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Collector, 1876,	$ 49 50	
" " 1877,	1,026 07	
Cash in treasury,	326 19	
Amount due from choice of lots in cemetery,	95 75	
Claim on United States,	1,285 60	
		$2,783 11
Balance against Town,		$1,924 22
Reduction of Town debt,		$1,302 29

W. W. HATCH, *Treasurer.*

ATKINSON, N. H., March 1, 1878.

The foregoing is a correct statement of the financial condition of the town, March 1, 1878, as appears from the books of the Selectmen, Collector, and Treasurer. We find the accounts correctly kept and supported by the proper vouchers. And it also appears from the books of the Treasurer that all notes against the town bear interest at the rate of five per cent. annually.

SAMUEL G. CHANDLER, }
WILLIAM C. NOYES, } *Auditors.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JUSTUS W. PEASLEE, *Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught in two terms of nine and eleven weeks respectively by Miss Ada E. Peaslee.

Whole number of scholars attending first term, - - - - -	12
Average " " " " " - - - - -	8
Whole " " " second term, - - - -	10
Average " " " " " - - - -	9

The wages paid, each term, were $26 per month, being nearly $11.50 per scholar for the whole time. This was a school well kept. The teacher was efficient, earnest and conscientious in her purpose to do her best for her pupils. The school was orderly, and made good progress. The scholars seemed to be in sympathy and confidence with the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

ALANSON M. SAWYER, *Prudential Committee.*

Two terms of nine and eleven weeks were taught by Miss Emily Sanborn.

Whole number of scholars attending first term, - - - - -	13
Average " " " " " - - - - -	12
Whole " " " second term, - - - -	13
Average " " " " " - - - -	11

The wages paid per month were $26, making the cost for each scholar attending, $10.

This school was studious, orderly, and in certain directions well trained; it always appeared well. On the whole, it may be pronounced *fairly* successful. One feature, however, was evident: the teacher trained the school for show, rather than real progress. This was painfully apparent at the examinations. The particular topics brought forward were evidently known to the pupils and prepared for beforehand, a course which cannot be too strongly deprecated, both from its effect upon the school and the public. The drift toward that which is not ingenuous nor honest is strong enough without any aid from our public instructors. This was *the* blot on what would otherwise have been a successful school.

DISTRICT NO 3.

GEORGE WRIGHT, *Prudential Committee.*

A single term in this district was taught for fifteen weeks by Miss Hattie E. Noyes.

Whole number of scholars attending, - - - - - - - - -	20
Average " " " - - - - - - - - -	17

Wages paid were $32 per month, making the cost for each scholar $6.

Miss Noyes was well known, and had previously taught in this district. She had the reputation of an experienced and accomplished teacher, and we hoped for a highly successful school.

It is to be regretted this hope was not realized.

The causes are easily seen: A disgraceful place for holding the school; an unruly element among the pupils; a want of interest and co-operation on the part of a portion at least of the parents; and, it must be admitted, a very inadequate idea, on the part of the teacher, as to what constitutes good order in a school.

It is readily seen that constant disorder is utterly fatal to all profit in any school, and failure here is complete failure. The teacher worked hard to convey instruction, and the school would doubtless have shown the results in good progress but for the reigning confusion which put all profit or advancement out of the question.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

JOHN PETTENGILL, *Prudential Committee.*

The first term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Mary F. Stevens; the second term of fourteen weeks was taught by Miss Rachel S. Corliss.

Whole number of scholars attending first term, - - - - -	8
Average " " " " " - - - - -	8
Whole " " " second term, - - - - -	8
Average " " " " " - - - -	7

The wages paid per month were $24, making the cost for each scholar a trifle over $17.

The teacher for the first term had previously taught the school successfully, and the short term of her service was creditable to her ability and experience.

The second and longer term was taught by Miss Corliss, for whom it was a new experience. She entered on her work with enthusiasm, and for efficiency, tact, and a conscientious purpose to do the most for those under her charge, she was certainly unequaled by any teacher in the town during the year. The district was fortunate in securing her.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

STEPHEN C. P. TREFRY, *Prudential Committee.*

Miss Sophia Moulton taught two terms of eleven weeks each, in this district.

Whole number of scholars attending first term,					- - - -	13
Average	"	"	"	" "	- - - -	12½
Whole	"	"	"	second term,	- - -	14
Average	"	"	"	" "	- - -	12

The wages paid the first term were $24 per month, and the second term $25 per month, making the cost to each scholar about $10.

The teacher of this school is a lady of long experience, having taught continuously for thirty-seven years. The school was quiet, studious and orderly, made good progress, and the fidelity of the teacher to her work is warmly commended.

Your Committee would be glad to add some remarks of a general nature, but his recent illness forbids.

C. T. MELVIN, *Superintending School Committee.*